

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

3A regular meeting of the Town of Cochecton was held on September 13, 2023 at the Cochecton Town Hall. 7:30 PM. The following members were present:

PRESENT: Supervisor- Gary Maas
Councilperson - Deputy Supervisor, Edwin Grund
Councilperson-Sean Nearing
Councilperson- SPO, Michael Walter

OTHERS PRESENT:
Maryann Oumrim - Town Clerk
Robert Smith –Attorney

Meeting was called to order by - Supervisor, Gary Maas with the pledge to the flag at 7:30 p.m.

RESOLUTION # 47

Amended Fuel Bid: Note one number was read incorrectly upon opening of bills the correct numbers are as follows.

2 Bids received:

County Petroleum Delivered price:	Disel-	3.8456
	#2 Fuel	3.6956
	Gasoline	3.1230

Mirabito Delivered Pricing-	Disel	3.7506
	#2 Fuel	3.6706
	Gasoline	3.2225

MOTION made by councilperson Grund seconded by Councilperson Walter to amend Fuel Bids and Awarded County Petroleum with the Gasoline Bid at \$3.1230 And Awarded to Mirabito Disel \$3.7506 and #2 Fuel at \$3.6706. All board members voted in favor. (Nober not present).

BID OPENING ICE CONTROL SAND

Town Clerk read aloud, legal notice There was 1 bid submitted and the Town Clerk read aloud

R & H GORR INC. Callicoon, NY

Ice Control Material – Sand \$19.17 Per Ton Delivered

RESOLUTION #48

MOTION made by councilperson Nearing seconded by Councilperson Walter to Award R&H Gorr the Ice Control Sand Bid. All board members voted in favor. (Nober not present).

Some discussion was had between the highway Supervisor and the town board regarding the new delivery rates set by NYS.

Presentation of proposed Town Budget given to all town Board members, Reviewed revenue, Budget meeting to be held on 9/27/23.

MOTION: Motion made by Councilman Walter, seconded by Councilman Grund, to approve the minutes of August 09, 2023, as submitted. All board members voted in favor.

MOTION: Motion made by Councilman Walter, seconded by Councilman Nearing, to approve the minutes of August 16, 2023, as submitted. All board members voted in favor.

RESOLUTION #49

MOTION: Motion made by Councilman Grund, seconded by Councilman Walter, to approve the bills on Abstract #9 in the following amounts:

Abstract # 9

General Accounts: Claim #'s 453, 454, 460, 464-469 and 472-474 are in prepaid's. Clam numbers 476-497 are to be paid

Claim # 490 Split with Sewer

Total General Funds: **\$14,015.53**

Debit Card Account: Claim #498

Total Debit Card: **\$ 186.84**

Sewer Accounts: Claim #499 and 500and split 490 are to be paid.

Claim #'s 456, 457, 459, 470, 471, and 475 are in prepaids.

Total Sewer Accounts: **\$1,845.92**

Lighting District Accounts: Claim #451 and 452are in Prepaid

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Total Lighting District Funds: **\$343.27**

Highway Accounts: Claim #'s 501-514 are to be paid.

Claim #458 in prepaid

Total Highway Accounts **\$59,559.95**

PREPAIDS were paid 8/17, 8/24, 8/31 and 9/7

Audit 9/11/23 by Councilmen Grund & Nober

CORRESPONDENCE:

From: Jeff Daub – Announcement that he will be running for Town of Cochection Highway Superintendent.

From: UDIG , information regarding service.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one wished to comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Upper Delaware Council-*Monthly Report*

LARRY H. RICHARDSON September 13, 2023

The regular meeting opened on September 7, at 7:00 p.m. with a zoom option.

The meeting opened a presentation **Leeann Bruetsch and Mary Keefe, CRISP Watershed Steward Program, on “Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!”** They reviewed the importance of cleaning boats and all gear when moving between water bodies. It is also important when traveling between sections of a river like the Delaware. Some unwanted invaders could be in one section but not yet in another. As insignificant as a small patch of mud can hold eggs or larvae. Steam or high temperature cleaning is preferred but a concentrated solution of water and water softener salt, sodium chloride or potassium chloride (KCI) can be used. All cracks and crevices must be treated. **In a bucket ½ filled with water add a handful or two of KCI and stir until dissolved. Keep adding salt until it no longer dissolves. Spray or wipe down boats, paddles, life jackets, waters, reel, anchor, and line etc.** Please don't dump a fishbowl in any body of water; the fish as well as the plants are not native.

Reports- Minutes for the three standing committees were distributed earlier.

- Project Review, (Larry Richardson)
- Operations, (Aaron Robinson)
- Water Use/Resource Management, (Ginny Dudko)

Status Reports

- **Delaware River Basin Commission** (Kristen Bowman Kavanagh) submitted hydrological report
- **NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation** (Ryan Coulter) (absent)
- **PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources** (Tim Dugan) (absent)
- **National Park Service** (Lindsey Kurnath) shared that they are close to hiring a regional planner.
- **UDC Executive Director** (Laurie Ramie) reported that 1222 people had registered for the annual Awards Banquet. Representative Marc Marlinaro was the keynote speaker.

New Business

- a. Approved a Letter to NPS: Substantial Conformance (SC) Recommendation 2023-08: Narrowsburg Car and Dog Wash, Town of Tusten *
- b. Approved a Letter to NPS: SC Recommendation 2023-09: Green Acres Gunsmith LLC, Town of Tusten *
- c. Approved a Letter to NPS: SC Recommendation 2023-10: The Loosey Kit LLC, Town of Highland *
- d. A Special Project Review Committee Meeting: FY 24 Technical Assistance Grants, 9/12, 6:30 p.m. (Two applications have been received: Damascus is updating their Emergency Preparedness Brochure and asking for \$2,822.00 and Tusten to create an Open Space and Recreation Plan for the town; requesting \$25,000.00.

Old Business

Received a NPS confirmation of agreement with our substantial conformance determination for: Lackawaxen Zoning Ordinance Amendment (2022-11); Narrowsburg Veterinary (2023-04); Advanced Recycling, Shohola (2023-06); Eve Fisher & Andrew McGrath, Highland (2023-07) *

Adjourn

UPPER DELAWARE SCENIC BYWAY-*Monthly Report*

September 13, 2023

The Committee held a scheduled meeting on August 28, 2023

Call to Order: Chairperson Lowe opened the meeting held at the Upper Delaware Council office in Narrowsburg and via Zoom to order at 7:00 p.m

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A presentation was provided by **Anna Lee McSpadden and Carmella Hopkins**, Apttegy. They are offering to create and manage our website. They created and managed the Hancock Partners website.

Treasurers Report was given and accepted

Discussion items:

- **Promoting Butterflies on the Byway Grant Application** – Dianne Costanzo & Olivia Nelson presented the application submitted by their company Educational Innovations. Following a long discussion about the goal of the project, the fact that the applicant is not a (501c) or civic organization forced the committee to decline the request at this time.
- **Culture and History Along the Byway Grant Application** – George Billard, treasurer of the Barryville Farmers’ Market, introduced a new application. They seek \$1,500 to support the 2nd Annual Halloween Harvest Festival to be held on October 28 at the Barryville United Methodist Church and on neighbors John and Debra Conway’s yard, in conjunction with the Greater Barryville Chamber of Commerce (GBCC), Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association (SCVA), and the Lions Club. The award was approved for \$1,500.00. I abstained during the vote: I feel there are bigger partners in this project, and we don’t always have to approve the maximum.
- **Visitors Center-** A very long and frank discussion was had about the delays and overall lack of progress on the proposed Callicoon Visitors Center. Chairman Lowe explained much of the reasoning for the delays and the progress that has been made. Some discussion centered on whether the UDSB should continue as a partner or look elsewhere. There is a question whether the \$250,000 funding we have approved could be moved to another project yet again. It is my opinion that we have gotten quite far with this project, and we should continue. Even if you had the \$250,000 for a stand-alone project it would not go far. We will push forward for a more definitive timeline for completion of the necessary next phases.

Next Meeting Date: : will be on the 4th Monday, September 25, 2023.

Adjourn: meeting adjourned.

Youth Commission: Councilperson Grund

- The Cochection Youth Commission is continuously adding to their activities. For more information contact **Sue Rodriguez** (845) 866-0853, or email: s_rod79@frontiernet.net. Check out their Facebook page at **Cochection Youth Commission**

Lake Huntington Lake Association: Councilperson Nober – Not Present

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR: Gary Maas

Bank Information:

Deposited \$	650.00	Judicial fees
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Deposited \$	356.40	Debit Card
Deposited \$	2,719.60	Town Clerk fees
Deposited \$	13,260.55	Mortgage Tax

Made transfers and deposits as needed.

CONTRACTUAL		\$ 4,000.00
Abstract #1	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,000.00
Abstract #2	\$ 1,300.41	\$ 2,699.59
Abstract #3	\$ 395.60	\$ 2,303.99
Abstract #4	\$ 187.00	\$ 2,116.99
Abstract #5	\$ 263.40	\$ 1,853.59
Abstract #6	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,803.60
Abstract #7	\$ 326.00	\$ 1,476.86
Abstract #8	\$ 206.40	\$ 1,270.46
Abstract #9	\$ 325.73	\$ 944.73

Worked 98 hours

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HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Kevin Esselman

Submitted a written report:

- Had a few repairs.
- Changed a few pipes.
- Cutting Brush Patching & ditching
- Sent legal notice for Sand bids
- Took truck 34 down for new Body
- Hauled in chipping stone

Worked 160 Hours.

Contractual balance is 3,285.24

TOWN CLERK: Maryann Oumrim

August 2023

I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk including:

- Prepared Abstract #9 for audit.
- Prepared Minutes for August 09th & Deputy Clerk August 16th Meeting.
- Put Legal notices in the paper
- Emails have been responded to and appropriately shared with Board Members.
- 4 trips to the bank to make deposits.
- CEO Report / deposit
- Decals Hunting Licenses opened up on Aug 1st
- Dog – New 1 Licenses and 10 Renewals.
- Marriage License -2
- Monthly reports sent to Agriculture & Markets and DOH for marriage and death.
- Website Maintenance
- Training new Deputy
- I worked a total of 94 hours in August
- **Contractual balance: \$1,766.50**

Proposed the need for a Safe in Town Clerk office

1 Quote from Delaware Valley

Advised by Town Board to get 2 more quotes.

Town Clerk – Maryann Oumrim Announced that she will be taking over the Junior Girl Scout Troop #356 and requested to use the downstairs meeting room on Thursday evenings.

MOTION made by councilperson Grund seconded by Councilperson Nearing to approve Girl Scout meetings to take place in the downstairs meeting room on Thursday evenings. All board members present voted in favor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: James Crowley

Submitted a written report:

- Worked 80 hrs.
- mileage 199
- Permits issued
- C of O's 2
- C of C's 6
- Logging Permits 0
- Municipal search letters 2
- Stop Work Orders 2
- Plan Review Inspections 19
- Revenues \$1,104.00
- Expenses \$180.35
- Contractual Balance: \$2,539.14

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CEO Jim Crowley - requested permission to use his contractual balance to purchase a desktop computer for the Building Department.

RESOLUTION # 50

MOTION made by Councilperson Nearing seconded by Councilperson Walter to approve the purchase of a desk top computer for the Building Department. All board members present voted in favor.

SEWER OFFICER: Michael Walter

Submitted a written report:

- Average flow of 36,660 gallons per day for month of August
- Obtained 99% C.B.O.D. and 99. % T.S.S. removal for August
- Expenditures \$1845.92
- Contractual Balance: \$12,942.36

Worked 84 hours.

ASSESSOR: Lorry King - not present

Old Business:

1. Field work continues.
2. I attended my mandatory class as previously reported.

New Business:

1. Reviewed information received regarding proposed solar farm.

Balance \$1,019.67

Assessor Hrs.: 41.5036

Clerk Hrs.: 40

PLANNING BOARD CHAIR -Earl Bertsch - Not Present

TAX COLLECTOR: Eileen Hennessy

Eileen Hennessy notified the Board that the tax collection software that the County is currently using is out of date. It is in danger of crashing every day. The County issued an RFP for new tax collection software and received two responses, one of which fits our needs. ATC did not respond to the RFP.

The County will be testing new tax collection software with Systems East.

MOTION made by Councilperson Walter seconded by Councilperson Nearing to approve switching over our system to **Systems East**.

TOWN ATTORNEY: Robert Smith

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: Tamara DePaolo - not present

HISTORIAN: Kristina Snedecker not present - No report

TOWN BOARD REPORTS:

Councilperson Nearing - nothing currently

Councilperson Salzberg - nothing currently

Councilperson Grund - nothing currently

Councilperson Walter – nothing currently

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Roof for old town hall
2. Sewer roof repairs
3. Defib and Narcan Box
4. Otto Heib House
- 5.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Basketball Court

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Peter Grosser and Mike Attianese- Cochection Volunteer Ambulance Corp.

Petition the Town of Cochection to authorize adoption of the real property tax law 466-a.

Supervisor Maas will discuss with Assessor regarding the percentage.

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MOTION of Councilman Grund, seconded by Councilman Nearing the following motion was to Recess meeting to September 27,2023 at 6:30pm All board members voted in favor.
Time 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryann Oumrim
Town Clerk